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## LAST VOWS

On February 2, the following will pronounce their Last Vows: Frs. Hanlon, Cahill, Finnegan, Hesser, Kern, O'Farrell, O'Mara, Ransford and Schechtel.

## ALMA

Nov. 26-Dec. 2. V. Rev. Fr. Elliott made his visitation of the Oregonians at Alma. A special dinner was given in his honor.

Because of chronic illness Mr. Raber, a 3rd year Theologian, has gone to Mt. St. Michael's, where he will continue his studies privately.

Fr. Hagemann conducted the renovation triduum.

Fr. Hagemann read a paper at the History Convention held at Berkeley at the close of the year.

Dec. 1. Fr. Hugh Donohoe, brother of Mr. Patrick Donohoe, S.J., and professor of Industrial Ethics at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, lectured to the community on: The Church and Labor.

Dec. 21. Semester examinations in Scripture and Ecclesiastical History took place.

More than 30 priests, faculty members and 4th year Fathers answered calls for ministerial work for Christmas.

A new fire alarm in the form of a large siren is being installed in the belfry by Mr. Brown and his staff of electricians.

As the epidemic of influenza raged in San Francisco and other places during December, only two members of the Alma community were afflicted.

A new set of folding chairs for the recreation room and two show cases for the museum have been donated by Fr. Budde's brother. The materials for the recently constructed incinerator were given by Daniel Buckley & Sons, San Francisco.

## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

During the influenza epidemic, Frs. Rector, Minister and Kern, and Br.

Armstrong were hospitalized.

Dec. 15. The Loyola University Guild Christmas Party. About 500 guests attended. The Guild gave the University a \$1000 Christmas present.

During Christmas 17 parishes were served by the Fathers from the University.

Br. Pereira has enlarged his wild-flower garden with 30 pounds of choice wild-flower seed.

The play, "Who Ride White Horses," a story of Bl. Edmund Campion's martyrdom, will be presented by the Del Rey Players in the first week of February. In April the Players and the Glee Club will offer the light opera, "The Student Prince."

Fr. Rector has been appointed to the Nominating Committee of the Association of American Colleges.

The Classical Department under the direction of Fr. Madigan and Mr. Bencke, S.J., participated in a Latin Symposium at Mt. St. Mary's College. Speeches and short plays in Latin were given by students from the three local Catholic colleges.

Triduum: Fr. Madigan to Holy Names at Ocean Park; Fr. L. Malone at Santa Monica; also for Mercy Sisters at St. John's.

Dec. 2. Fr. Malone spoke at the Memorial Services of the Elks in San Pedro.

As an experiment a joint meeting of the Thomas More Associates, a group of graduates who meet monthly to discuss a phase of scholastic philosophy, and the members of Alpha Sigma Nu, was held. Graduates and undergraduates entered so enthusiastically into the discussions, that a similar meeting will be held in January.

Fr. Spearman addressed the Catholic Federated Women's Clubs on "Christmas in Old California." He described the pastorella or shepherd's play enacted at Santa Clara in 1805, by Felix Buelna, one of Fra Magin Catala's altar boys.

Several large shipments of books from England, in the fields of History and Liturgy, reached the library safely despite war conditions.

The library recently acquired Scribner's Dictionary of American Biography, recommended for its reference section by Fr. Bradstreet who is now at Fordham University.

Mr. A. Vergenthaler, superintendent of the bindery, has brought the bound periodical section up to date, and has rebound all worn volumes.

Great enthusiasm was shown by the students in the Christmas Basket Drive, sponsored by the Sodality and directed by Mr. Wm. Ryan, S.J. In collaboration with the Catholic Welfare Bureau it was possible to send generous baskets to 25 and more deserving families.

### LOS GATOS

New appointments: Fr. Collins, Minister of the House and Socius. Fr. Finnegan, Subminister of the House, Minister of the Juniors. Fr. James Healy has been transferred to Bellarmine.

Nov. 21. Fr. Gleeson gave the Juniors a talk on his experiences in Rome.

Mr. Patrick Shaules, who accompanied his ick father from Spokane to Los Angeles, was a visitor at the Novitiate for a day. His father later passed away.

Nov. 22. Fr. Duce began his visitation concerning studies. At the close of the visitation he addressed the Juniors.

The Juniors and the Novices are building a rock wall along the road from the Novices' Gate to the Olive Road, to prevent the rain from causing damaging slides, as has happened in previous years.

Dec. 8. Br. Robert McDermott pronounced the first vows of a Coadjutor.

Dec. 11. V. Rev. Fr. Provincial began the visitation.

Mr. Wall from U. S. F. stayed some days at the Novitiate, while working on a philosophical paper.

At the Christmas Midnight Mass Fr. Provincial was celebrant; Fr. Rector, deacon; Fr. Collins, subdeacon. The choir sang J. Alfred Schehl's Mass.

Two of the fir trees planted along the Della Strada Road some 14 years ago were cut down by trespassers for Christmas trees.

### SAN DIEGO

Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Society took over for-

mal charge of the Mexican Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Diego. The two Fathers, Fr. Benjamin Silva and Fr. Julio Vertiz, have been generously loaned by the Province of Mexico until our own Province can take over the parish. Fr. Silva has been pastor at St. Francis Xavier's, El Paso, for the past three years. Last year Fr. Vertiz was an assistant in one of the other churches at El Paso.

The parish is a national parish and comprises all of San Diego with the exception of Old Town. There are 4000 Mexicans in the parish. The Holy Family Sisters teach 750 Mexican children.

Bishop Buddy made a very impressive ceremony of the taking over of the parish by the Jesuit Fathers. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed, and a Solemn High Mass was sung coram Pontifice et coram Sanctissimo. The Bishop addressed the people in Spanish and in English, and urged them to put an end to petty troubles, open letters, petitions, etc.

He put a stole on each of the Fathers. Fr. Silva spoke from the pulpit and won the people, and also the 20 diocesan priests who were present.

A dinner was given in the rectory, and each of the guests was called on for a few words. The diocesan clergy said they would be back to go to confession to the new Fathers.

Upstairs there are three bedrooms furnished, though some of it has been stolen during the vacancy, since the former clergy left. There is also a common room, and a little office upstairs. Downstairs, there is a parlor, office, dining room, kitchen, and room for the house keeper.

There is plenty of work, the Fathers know it, and are bravely and humbly undertaking it.

### SANTA BARBARA

A lecture on Rome by Fr. Villa was well attended. He used a number of slides loaned by Fr. Bacigalupi.

The scene at Bethlehem, a feature of the Christmas entertainment given by our Catholic High, was the talk of the town. Br. Huber constructed a beautiful setting for the scene.

Fr. Curran preached at the two Solemn Masses on Christmas Day.

Under the direction of Fr. Fox, the Dolorians will present a series of plays to establish a permanent scholarship for our High School.

Fr. Stack presided as chairman of a civic committee for cleansing news



stands of objectionable magazines. He has been asked to act as arbitrator of a strike between local dairy workers and their employers.

### SANTA CLARA

Nov. 29. Br. Leo, of St. Mary's College, lectured to an enthusiastic crowd which packed the University auditorium. It was the last but one of his speaking engagements before his retirement.

During three weeks in November and December, students of the Law School acted as a Draft Bureau in San Jose and gave information on the recent Conscription Bill to those interested.

Dec. 8. Fr. Hugh Donavon received 35 new members into the Sodality.

Dec. 6-8. In conjunction with all the Sodality members of the United States, the Senior and Freshmen Sodalities offered a triduum of Masses and Communions as a Christmas Gift to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Fr. Hubbard has returned to Santa Clara after a lecture tour in the northwest. For some weeks he will be editing his latest film, "Moon Craters of Alaska." He reports that 5000 attended the lecture in Spokane; 7500 in Omaha.

The November issue of THE OWL was dedicated to the Fourth Centennial of the Society. Featured were essays by the students on the Society and the Radio Auditorium, and an editorial by Fr. Shipsey on the teaching of English in the Plan of Jesuit Education.

Dec. 14. At a solemn ceremony in the Mission Chapel 16 members were received into St. John Berchman's Sanctuary Society by Rev. Fr. Rector.

During the flu epidemic, which struck over a third of the student body, Frs. Strehl and Fagothey, and Messrs. Martin, Murphy, John and James Vizzard were confined to the infirmary.

Nov. 27, 28. The Clay M. Greene Dramatic Society presented a modified version of the comedy, "Room Service." It was an exceptionally fine performance and was received enthusiastically by large crowds.

### BELLARMINE PREP

New appointments. Fr. James Healy, Minister. Fr. Stretch, Spiritual Father of the Students. Fr. Kelly to teach at Santa Clara. Mr. Joseph Martin from Santa Clara to teach at Bellarmine. Fr. Rice has replaced Fr. Boland at El Retiro.

Dec. 2-8. V. Rev. Fr. Provincial made his visitation.

Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 17 candidates were received into the Sodality. To cooperate with the parishes, it was felt better to hold the reception on a school day. Fr. Rector was celebrant at the Solemn Benediction, with Frs. Stretch and Kelly, deacon and sub-deacon.

The renovation triduum was given by Fr. Burns.

A Food Drive was held by the Sodality for Thanksgiving and filled many baskets which the students distributed to the poor.

The Sodalists are conducting a "Hanger Drive" to raise money to send delegates to the Sodality Conventions in the summer.

A new section of lawn covering some 27,000 sq. ft., has been planted under the direction of Fr. Rice in the new gardens beside the gymnasium and paralleling Emory Street. A crew of students and workmen spread many hundred yards of top soil prior to the planting.

Dec. 13. The annual Dads' Club Party, held for school equipment, had the usual large attendance.

A Greek Academy formed among a dozen Seniors who wished more of the language than is normally given, has read the Olynthiacs and is now working on St. John Chrysostom.

Fr. Manning, a Maryknoller, addressed the students on Maryknoll Mission work. A few days later Fr. Moore spoke on our work in China. The Sodality enthusiastically undertook to sell Christmas cards for the Mission.

### VARIA

Nov. 26, the feast of St. John Berchmans, the present California Province was ten years old.

The Oregon Province News reports that Fr. Mullen has been changed from Bellarmine, Tacoma, to Spokane.

Fr. Malaise's book, "Know Yourself," has appeared in Polish. It is also to appear in Spanish and Chinese.

It was reported at the Alumni Banquet in December that there are \$87,000 in the building fund of the University of San Francisco. Mr. Florence expressed the hope that the sum will be \$125,000 by March. There were 300 present at the banquet. The appointed chairman and speakers were laid up with the flu, and so substitutes took their places at the last moment.

Loyola Law School reports a student body of 162.

In the Bar Examinations, Santa Clara passed 6 out of 7; U. S. F., 18 out of 24; Loyola Law 75%. U. S. F. had 100% in its Day Law examinees.

#### FR. PARKER, S.J.

In December a letter came from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to the Chancery Office in San Francisco, addressed:

To the Bishop of California,  
"Of the Holy Roman Church,"  
"Somewhere in California."

It was an inquiry about Fr. Frank Parker. The Chancellor sent the letter to San Jose.

Next day an airmail came from the New England Socius, relaying an inquiry from Maine. The missing Fr. Parker was thought to have belonged to the California Province. The writer urged the Socius to forward the letter to California.

A week before, a request had come from Los Angeles about the same matter. A Mr. Parker had died. A reward of \$50 was offered for information about his brother. The request had been sent out by radio. Only Los Angeles mentioned the reward. Moreover Los Angeles offered to give half the sum to our Church in Los Angeles. Los Angeles got the information, the others just got letters.

No. Fr. Parker has ever belonged to California. There is a Fr. Parker in the Maryland Counties. Fr. Frank Parker is at Beaumont College, England.

#### BR. PETER BRANCOLI

1874 —Jun. 29, b. at San Justo de Brancolis, Tuscany, of Joseph Brancoli and Maria Caselli.

1893 —May 23, admitted by Fr. Imoda.

1893-95—Novice at Los Gatos.

1895 —Jun. 2, 1st vows received by Fr. Giacobbi.

1895-96—Cook at Los Gatos.

1896-09—In Northern Alaska.

1896-97—With Fr. Wm. Judge at Sacred Heart, near Shagelvk.

1897-99—With Br. Twohig and Fr. John Post at St. Joseph's, Okvlarak.

1899-00—w. Fr. Crimont at Holy Cross.

1900-03—w. Br. Perron at Holy Cross. At Holy Cross Bro. was cook and baker.

1903-09—At Nulato.

1903-04—Br. was herder and buyer.

1904-09—He was also cook.

1904-05—He was with Fr. Jette this yr.

1904 —Aug. 15, took his Last Vows.

1907-08—He was under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Province.

1909-10—Sacristan at Gonzaga.

1910-26—Cook at Gonzaga.

1926-27—Cook at Los Gatos.

1927-40—Cook at Santa Clara.

1940 —Dec. 14, d. of heart failure at Santa Clara. (67-48).

The list of dates shows that Bro. Brancoli stayed in the difficult Mission of Alaska for 13 years. He was at Gonzaga for 17 years; and at Santa Clara for 12 years. He was a steady, constant Brother, anxious to give the students and the community a varied table.

Of late years his heart had begun to fail, but still he was stead at his work in directing the large staff of men in the kitchen, as far as he could. During the last three summers an act of kindness was done him, by bringing him to Hollywood during the summer vacation, ostensibly to relieve the sacristan, but in reality to give Br. Brancoli a change from his long months in the kitchen.

The end came quietly and unexpectedly. He was listening to the radio in the infirmary only five minutes before the Angel of Death took him from his labors and brought him to be God's guest forevermore.

As the remains were carried out of the Mission Church and the bell was tolling, the Carmelite bell also tolled for Brother. The grave of Brother is at the foot of the grave of his brother whom he buried just a year ago. He placed his brother next to our plot, never dreaming that he himself would lie so close to his brother's remains. There were three floral pieces, one was a cross of flowers from the kitchen men whom he had directed for 13 years.

#### DEATHS

Dec. 14, Br. Peter Brancoli at Santa Clara.

Dec. 18, Fr. Hubert Post, Spokane. Mother of Mr. Chauvert, sister of the Fathers Menager.

Mother of Fr. Charles Leahy.

Sister of Fr. Drathman.